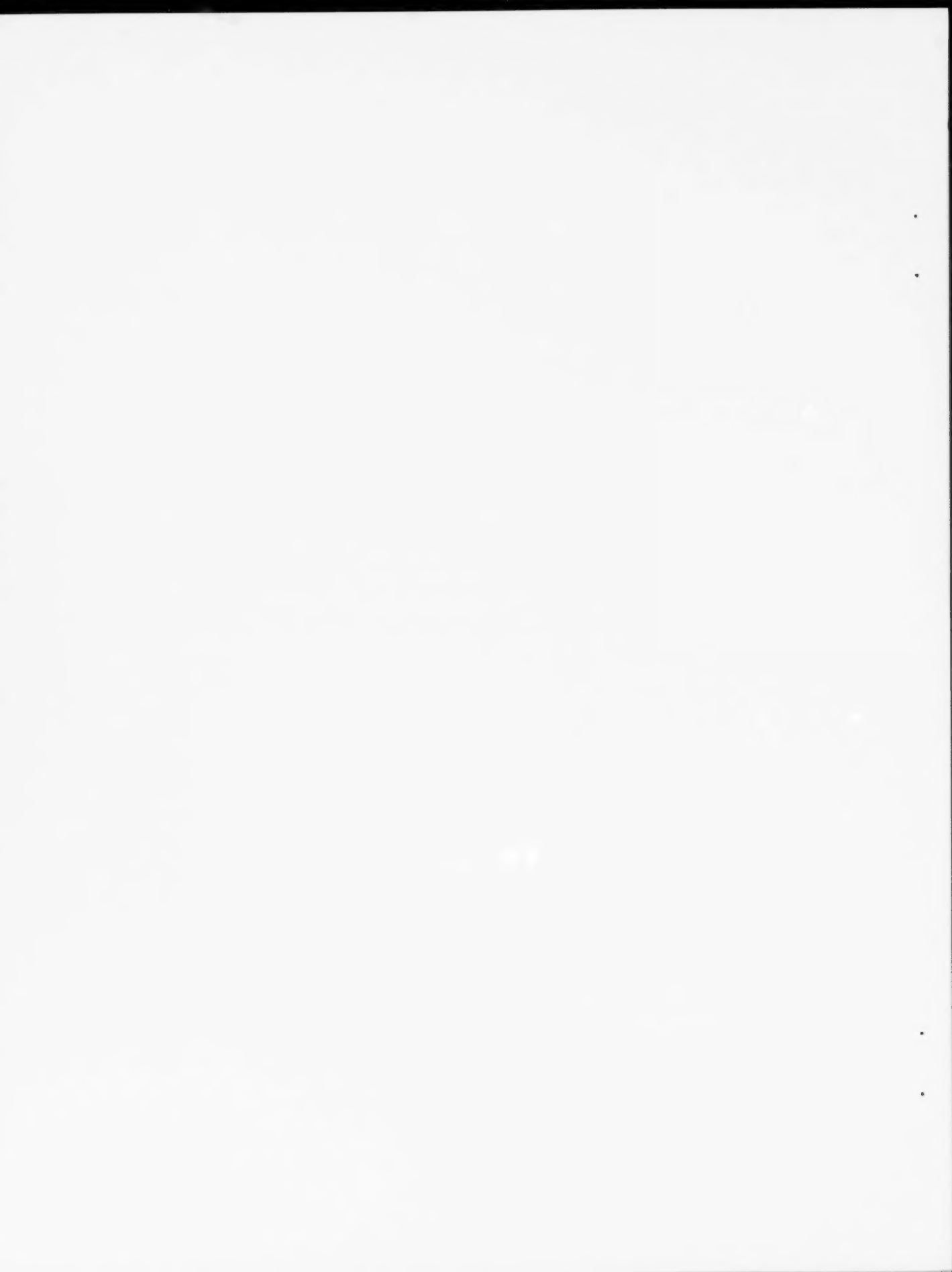




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MAJOR MUNICIPALITIES

According to Statistics Canada census data, the major municipality in the Northeast Region that gained the most population from 2001 to 2006 was Lloydminster with an increase of 21.0% or 2,762 residents.

Economic Indicators: Northeast Region				
Major Municipalities *	Status	2006 Population	2001 Population	1996 Population
Lloydminster	City	15,910	13,148	11,317
Cold Lake	City	11,991	11,520	12,645
Bonnyville No. 87, M.D. of	Municipal District	10,348	9,622	8,977
Vermilion River No. 24, County of	Municipal District	7,467	7,524	7,553
St. Paul No. 19, County of	Municipal District	5,925	6,140	6,335
Bonnyville	Town	5,832	5,709	5,100
Vegreville	Town	5,519	5,376	5,337
Lakeland County	Municipal District	6,365	5,301	4,852
St. Paul	Town	5,106	5,061	4,861
Vermilion	Town	4,036	3,948	4,303
Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 2001, 2006				

* Top ten cities/towns and municipalities in region, based on population from census years.

Economic Indicators: Northeast Region				
Major Municipalities	2001 - 2006 (5 Years)		1996 - 2006 (10 Years)	
	% Change	Net Change	% Change	Net Change
Lloydminster	21.0%	2,762	40.6%	4,593
Cold Lake	4.1%	471	-5.2%	(654)
Bonnyville No. 87, M.D. of	7.5%	726	15.3%	1,371
Vermilion River No. 24, County of	-0.8%	(57)	-1.1%	(86)
St. Paul No. 19, County of	-3.5%	(215)	-6.5%	(410)
Bonnyville	2.2%	123	14.4%	732
Vegreville	2.7%	143	3.4%	182
Lakeland County	20.1%	1,064	31.2%	1,513
St. Paul	0.9%	45	5.0%	245
Vermilion	2.2%	88	-6.2%	(267)
Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 2001, 2006				

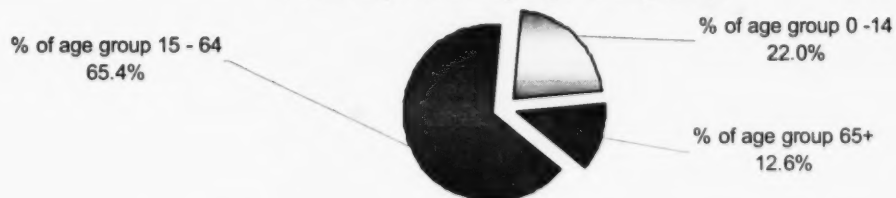
DEMOGRAPHICS

According to Statistics Canada census data, the Northeast Region's population increased 5.1% from 2001 to 2006, or by 5,238 residents. This region's population accounts for 3.2% of the province's population.

Economic Indicators: Northeast Region	
Land Area	Northeast
Square Kilometers	40,872.2
% of Provincial Total	6.4
Total Population	Northeast
Population (000s), 2006 Census	107,046
% of Provincial Total	3.2%
Population (000s), 2001 Census	101,808
% of Provincial Total	3.4%
Population (000s), 1996 Census	98,735
% of Provincial Total	3.8%
Population Growth (%), 2001 - 2006	5.1%
Population Growth (%), 1996 - 2006	8.4%
Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 2001, 2006	

Economic Indicators: Northeast Region			
Population Components	2006	2001	1996
Age Group: 65+ (%)	12.6	12.3	12.3
Age Group: 0 - 14 (%)	22.2	23.0	25.5
Dependency Ratio (%) ¹	53.3	56.6	60.7
Old Age Dependency Ratio (%) ²	19.2	19.3	19.8
Males, Ages 0 - 14 (%)	22.5	24.1	25.9
Females, Ages 0 - 14 (%)	21.9	23.6	25.0
Males, Ages 15 - 64 (%)	65.7	64.5	63.0
Females, Ages 15 - 64 (%)	64.7	63.1	62.1
Males, Ages 65+ (%)	11.7	11.4	11.1
Females, Ages 65+ (%)	13.5	13.3	12.9
Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 2001, 2006			

Total Population by Age Group, 2006



IMMIGRATION – PERMANENT RESIDENTS

According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada, in 2007, 124 immigrants selected a location in the Northeast Region as their destination of choice on their permanent residence application form.

Please note: This figure does not include temporary foreign workers, students or temporary residents. Also, those that selected a certain province as their destination of choice on their permanent residence application are not required to move to the province indicated. This means that there could potentially be data missing due to immigrants indicating once province as their destination and then actually moving to another.

The annualized percentage change in immigration from 1997 to 2007 for the Northeast Region was 6.7%. The annualized percentage growth from 1997 to 2007 for Alberta was 4.8%. The total change for the Northeast Region was 79.7% (55) between 2002 and 2007 and 90.8% (59) between 1997 and 2007.

Economic Indicators: Northeastern Region	
Immigrants, CIC (Permanent Residents) ³	Northeastern
As of December 31, 1997	65
% of Province	0.5%
As of December 31, 1998	57
% of Province	0.5%
As of December 31, 1999	74
% of Province	0.6%
As of December 31, 2000	63
% of Province	0.4%
As of December 31, 2001	105
% of Province	0.6%
As of December 31, 2002	69
% of Province	0.5%
As of December 31, 2003	97
% of Province	0.6%
As of December 31, 2004	97
% of Province	0.6%
As of December 31, 2005	115
% of Province	0.6%
As of December 31, 2006	121
% of Province	0.6%
As of December 31, 2007	124
% of Province	0.6%
Annualized Percentage Growth, 1997 - 2007, 10 years ⁴	6.7%
Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada	

LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

According to Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey, the Northeast Region's employment rate for the working age population of 15 years and older was 71.4% in 2007 and the participation rate of 73.7%.

In 2007, the Northeast Region's employment rate for the 15 to 24 year old age group was 69.3% and the participation rate was 74.0%.

Between 2006 and 2007, the number of people employed in Alberta grew by 4.7% or by 88,700. Over that same period, employment in the Northeast Region grew by an estimated 4,300 or 6.5%. Between 2002 and 2007, the number of people employed grew by about 289,000 or 17.2% in Alberta, and by just over 11,000 or 19.2% in the Northeast Region.

In 2007, Alberta made up 10.0% of Canada's working age population (15+ years), and the province created just under one quarter or 23.2% of all new jobs in Canada. Alberta created nearly as many new jobs as Ontario (88,700 vs 101,100), which has more than three times the working age population of Alberta.

Economic Indicators: Northeast Region						
Annual Labour Force Characteristics ⁵	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Population: 15+ (000s)	99.0	96.5	89.5	89.9	85.7	82.6
Labour Force: 15+ (000s)	73.0	69.3	63.7	66.1	64.3	61.8
Employment: 15+ (000s)	70.7	66.4	61.6	63.7	61.4	59.3
Unemployment: 15+ (000s)	2.3	2.9	2.1	2.4	2.9	2.5
Participation Rate: 15+ (%)	73.7	71.8	71.2	73.5	75.0	74.8
Unemployment Rate: 15+ (%)	3.2	4.2	3.3	3.6	4.5	4.0
Employment Rate: 15+ (%)	71.4	68.8	68.8	70.9	71.6	71.8
Participation Rate - Age Group: 15 - 24 (%)	74.0	66.8	68.4	69.6	76.4	70.3
Unemployment Rate - Age Group: 15 - 24 (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Employment Rate - Age Group: 15 - 24 (%)	69.3	60.5	63.9	62.8	69.6	63.2
Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey						
Note: N/A=data are suppressed (see below).						

Statistics Canada cautions the reader that the regional labour force data may be subject to large year-to-year fluctuations, especially for the smaller regions, for the following reasons. First, there are no population control totals for special geographies such as these regions. Second, some of the smaller regions have small sample size, leading to greater volatility in the estimates. Third, Statistics Canada periodically redesigns its survey methodology; the latest redesign was done in 2005.

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EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

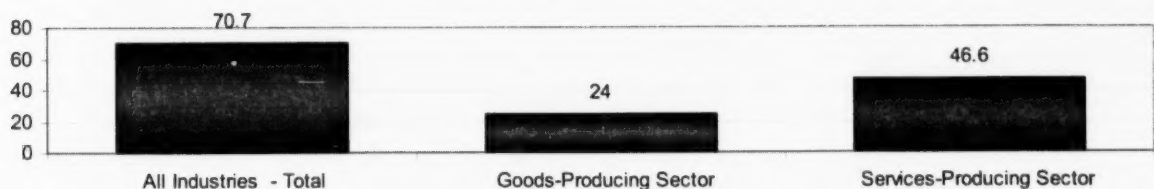
In 2007, according to Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey, the services-producing sector in the Northeast Region accounted for 65.9% of the total number employed.

The Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas industry had the largest number of individuals employed. In the Northeast Region this industry is dominated by Oil and Gas extraction and Support Activities for Mining. This industry is followed by the Retail Trade, Health Care and Social Assistance and Construction industries.

Economic Indicators: Northeast Region						
Annual Employment by Industry ⁶	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
All Industries (000s) - Total	70.7	66.4	61.6	63.7	61.4	59.3
Goods-Producing Sector	24.0	22.7	21.2	26	21.1	19.5
Agriculture	4.0	5.1	6.4	11.5	8.3	5.5
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas	10.1	9.2	7.6	7.3	5.8	5.4
Utilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction	6.7	5.6	4.3	3.8	4.4	5.9
Manufacturing	2.3	1.9	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.3
Services-Producing Sector	46.6	43.7	40.3	37.7	40.3	39.7
Wholesale Trade	2.3	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.5
Retail Trade	8.1	7.9	7.8	8.2	8.7	8.7
Transportation & Warehousing	4.4	4.6	4.2	3.3	2.9	3.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	3.0	2.5	2.3	2.7	2.5	N/A
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	2.2	1.9	2.1	N/A	2	1.5
Business, Building & Other Support Services	1.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Educational Services	5.9	5.6	4.6	5	7.4	6.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	7.2	6.7	5.8	4.3	5.1	5.8
Information, Culture & Recreation	1.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.6
Accommodation & Food Services	2.7	2.6	3	2.7	3.8	3.3
Other Services	4.1	3.8	3.6	4.2	2.5	2.9
Public Administration	3.3	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.1	2.5
Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey N/A = data are suppressed due to insufficient sample size.						

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Employment by Industry, North East, 2007 (In '000s)



INCOME, TAXFILER

In 2006, the average individual income for all taxfilers for the Northeast Region was \$31,760, a 14.5% increase from 2005. The percentage of taxfilers that reported an individual gross income of \$100,000 and over was 5.0%.

Economic Indicators: Northeast Region			
Individual Income ⁷	2006	2005	2004
Average Individual Income (\$)	31,760	27,735	24,840
Income Range	%		
Negative Claims (Includes \$0)	23.4%	22.9%	23.9%
\$1 - \$20,000	28.0%	30.7%	32.4%
\$20,000 - \$40,000	18.6%	19.0%	18.9%
\$40,000 - \$60,000	12.4%	12.3%	12.3%
\$60,000 - \$80,000	8.4%	7.8%	6.7%
\$80,000 - \$99,999	4.1%	3.6%	3.0%
\$100,000+	5.0%	3.8%	2.8%
Source: Alberta Finance and Enterprise			

In 2006, the average couple (defined as married or common law) income for all taxfilers for the Northeast Region was \$92,070, a 14.4% increase from 2005. The percentage of taxfilers that defined themselves as a couple and reported an income of \$100,000 and over was 31.9%

Economic Indicators: Northeast Region			
Couple Income ⁷	2006	2005	2004
Average Couple Income (\$)	92,070	80,465	73,615
Income Range	%		
Negative Claims (Includes \$0)	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
\$1 - \$20,000	7.0%	8.0%	9.3%
\$20,000 - \$40,000	16.7%	19.0%	20.3%
\$40,000 - \$60,000	14.2%	15.4%	17.4%
\$60,000 - \$80,000	15.4%	16.6%	17.4%
\$80,000 - \$99,999	14.1%	14.0%	13.6%
\$100,000+	31.9%	26.4%	21.4%
Source: Alberta Finance and Enterprise			

INVESTMENT

In 2007, the total building permit value for the Northeast Region increased by 71.8% from 2006 to \$568.8 million, 171.6% more than the 10-year average of \$209.5 million. Between 2006 and 2007, the residential building permit value for the Northeast Region increased by 19.3% to \$268.6 million.

In 2007, the number of housing starts in the Northeast Region increased by 10.5% from 2006 to 1,366. The 2007 number of starts was 69.7% more than the 10-year average of 805. The number of single family housing starts in the region increased by 10.5% from 2006 to 1,002 units.

Economic Indicators: Northeast Region			
Building Permit Values and Housing Starts (2007)	2007	2006	2005
Total Building Permit Value (\$000s)	568,835	331,012	280,808
% of Provincial Total	3.6%	2.4%	2.8%
Per Capita Building Permit Value (\$) ⁸	5,314	3,092	2,779
Total Building Permit Value (\$000s), 5-year average (2003 - 2007)	305,472		
Total Building Permit Value (\$000s), 10-year average (1998 - 2007)	209,472		
Commercial Building Permit Value (\$000s)	99,946	47,856	90,785
Commercial % of Total Building Permit Value	17.6%	14.5%	32.3%
% of Provincial Commercial Building Permit Value	2.0%	1.3%	3.8%
Industrial Building Permit Value (\$000s)	186,734	29,072	14,463
Industrial % of Total Building Permit Value	32.8%	8.8%	5.2%
% of Provincial Industrial Building Permit Value	19.7%	2.8%	1.7%
Institutional Building Permit Value (\$000s)	13,536	28,903	18,342
Institutional % of Total Building Permit Value	2.4%	8.7%	6.5%
% of Provincial Institutional Building Permit Value	1.6%	2.8%	2.0%
Residential Building Permit Value (\$000s)	268,619	225,181	157,218
Residential % of Total Building Permit Value	47.2%	68.0%	56.0%
% of Provincial Residential Building Permit Value	3.0%	2.8%	2.6%
Single Family Housing Starts	1,002	907	782
Single Family Housing Starts, 5-year average (2003 - 2007)	810		
Single Family Housing Starts, 10-year average (1998 - 2007)	624		
Total Housing Starts	1,366	1,348	1,058
Total Housing Starts, 5-year average (2003 - 2007)	1,087		
Total Housing Starts, 10-year average (1998 - 2007)	805		
Source: Statistics Canada, Compilation by Alberta Finance and Enterprise			

ESTABLISHMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES

In 2007, 71.3% of all business establishments with employees in the Northeast Region were classified in the services-producing sector which includes such diverse industries as Retail Trade, Accommodation and Food Services, and Public Administration.

From 2006 to 2007, there was a net increase of 2.2% or 114 in the number of establishments with employees for all industries in the Northeast Region. Between 2002 and 2007, the number of establishments with employees for all industries in the Northeast Region increased by 8.9% or by 427 establishments.

From 2006 to 2007, the goods-producing sector in the Northeast Region had a net decrease of 1.9% or 29 establishments. Over the same period, the service-producing sector in the Northeast Region had a net increase of 4.0% or 379 establishments.

Economic Indicators: Northeast Region					
Establishment with Employees⁹	2007	2006	2002	1 Year % Change	5 Year % Change
Total All Industries	5,212	5,098	4,785	2.2%	8.9%
Total Goods Industries	1,494	1,523	1,446	-1.9%	3.3%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	327	418	430	-21.8%	-24.0%
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction	435	417	348	4.3%	25.0%
Utilities	12	9	10	33.3%	20.0%
Construction	599	572	528	4.7%	13.4%
Manufacturing	121	107	130	13.1%	-6.9%
Total Service Industries	3,718	3,575	3,339	4.0%	11.4%
Wholesale Trade	246	205	212	20.0%	16.0%
Retail Trade	614	588	585	4.4%	5.0%
Transportation and Warehousing	472	476	439	-0.8%	7.5%
Information and Cultural Industries	31	32	40	-3.1%	-22.5%
Finance and Insurance	144	119	96	21.0%	50.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	151	171	147	-11.7%	2.7%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	530	537	387	-1.3%	37.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	51	58	74	-12.1%	-31.1%
Administrative, Waste Management and Remediation	197	196	162	0.5%	21.6%
Educational Services	43	45	52	-4.4%	-17.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	281	257	267	9.3%	5.2%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	55	61	58	-9.8%	-5.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	234	234	273	0.0%	-14.3%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	629	555	501	13.3%	25.5%
Public Administration	40	41	46	-2.4%	-13.0%

Source: 2007 Alberta Business Monitor, Alberta Finance and Enterprise

SMALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS

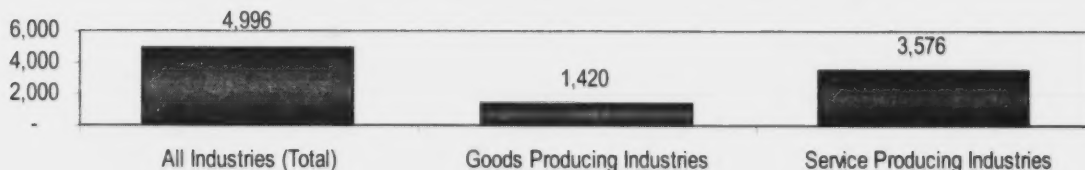
In 2007, 95.8% of all business establishments in the Northeast Region were classified as small business (businesses that have between 1 and 49 employees). The Other Services industry had the largest number of small businesses followed by the Retail Trade and Construction industries.

From 2006 to 2007, total number of small business establishments in the Northeast Region increased by 2.7% or 131 establishments. From 2002 to 2007, the number of small business establishments rose by 8.5% or 390 establishments

Economic Indicators: Northeast Region					
Small Business Establishments¹⁰ (1 - 49 employees)	2007	2006	2002	1 Year % Change	5 Year % Change
Total All Industries	4,996	4,865	4,606	2.7%	8.5%
Total Goods Industries	1,420	1,453	1,392	-2.3%	2.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	324	415	427	-21.9%	-24.1%
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction	402	387	323	3.9%	24.5%
Utilities	12	9	10	33.3%	20.0%
Construction	577	546	508	5.7%	13.6%
Manufacturing	105	96	124	9.4%	-15.3%
Total Service Industries	3,576	3,412	3,214	4.8%	11.3%
Wholesale Trade	240	196	205	22.4%	17.1%
Retail Trade	577	555	559	4.0%	3.2%
Transportation and Warehousing	465	466	433	-0.2%	7.4%
Information and Cultural Industries	31	32	39	-3.1%	-20.5%
Finance and Insurance	139	115	95	20.9%	46.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	150	164	141	-8.5%	6.4%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	529	533	385	-0.8%	37.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	49	44	69	11.4%	-29.0%
Administrative, Waste Management and Remediation	193	190	157	1.6%	22.9%
Educational Services	34	38	44	-10.5%	-22.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	255	234	244	9.0%	4.5%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	55	61	58	-9.8%	-5.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	218	217	258	0.5%	-15.5%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	618	539	495	14.7%	24.8%
Public Administration	23	28	32	-17.9%	-28.1%

Source: 2007 Alberta Business Monitor, Alberta Finance and Enterprise

Small Business (1 - 49 Employees) Establishment Count, 2007



INVENTORY OF MAJOR PROJECTS

As of December 31, 2008, there were 40 projects, which were proposed, planned, under construction or recently completed, in all industries in the Northeast Region.

The total value for these 40 projects was \$6.2 billion. The largest projects are in the oilsands industry.

Please note: 2008 and 2007 can not be compared because some projects are carried over several years and there is only one cost available for the entire project

Economic Indicators: Northeast Region				
Major Construction Projects, As of December 31¹¹				
Industry Sector	Projects		Value (\$millions)	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Chemicals and Petrochemicals	3	2	\$545.0	\$145.0
Commercial/Retail	1	1	\$5.0	\$10.3
Infrastructure	11	14	\$192.8	\$263.6
Institutional	13	12	\$324.9	\$301.9
Oilsands	6	4	\$4,809.0	\$1,859.0
Pipelines	1	1	\$200.0	\$200.0
Residential	4	4	\$46.2	\$24.2
Tourism/Recreation	2	1	\$29.0	\$6.6
TOTAL	40	39	\$ 6,151.90	\$2,810.6
Source: Alberta Finance and Enterprise, Inventory of Major Alberta Projects				

1. This inventory lists projects in Alberta, valued at \$5 million or greater, which have recently been completed, are currently under construction, or are proposed to start construction within two years. Not all projects over this threshold are listed due to reasons of confidentiality and/or due to information not being available at time of printing.

2. Project data is obtained from public information sources. Although, where possible, this data has been verified with the project proponent/developer, users of the Inventory may wish to confirm project data with the proponent/developer.

3. The inventory does not breakdown project expenditures by any given year. The cost of the project is the value of expenditures expected over all phases of project construction, which may span over two or more years.

4. The cost of projects listed in the inventory are estimated values only.

Economic Indicator Definitions

1 Dependency Ratio – The percentage of the population below the age of 15 (Child) and over the age of 64 (Elderly) divided by the number of adults (15 – 64). This is the population of children and elderly that are dependent on the adult population for economic needs.

2 Old Age Dependency Ratio – The percentage of the population over the age of 64 (Elderly) divided by the number of adults (15 - 64). This is the population that is dependent on the adult population for economic needs.

3 Permanent Immigrants – Citizenship and Immigration Canada's (CIC) count of where immigrants are landing within the province of Alberta. This includes spouses, dependents, entrepreneurs, investors, self employed, refugees and family sponsorship. This does not take into account those that land in other Canadian provinces and then move to Alberta.

4 Annualized Percentage Growth, 1997 - 2007, 10 Years (%) – The average annual increase in immigrants over the 10 year period.

5 Labour Force Characteristics – Drawn from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey (LFS) or from the Census. The LFS is the source of current, monthly, and annual estimates of total employment (including self-employment) and unemployment. Allocating existing LFS respondents to Economic Indicator Regions results in insufficient data for certain regions (i.e. Insufficient sample sizes).

LABOUR FORCE: Persons who are 15 years or over that were not institutional residents that were either employed or unemployed for the year. Labour Force = Employed + Unemployed.

PARTICIPATION RATE: Number of persons from the Labour force expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. Participation Rate = (Labour Force / Population 15 years and over)*100.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: Number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. Unemployment Rate = (Unemployed / Labour Force)*100.

EMPLOYMENT RATE: Number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. Employment Rate = (Employed / Population 15 years and over)*100.

6 Employment by Industry – Based on the LFS or Census data. Industry and occupation codes are assigned using the respondent's job description on the questionnaire. Codes assigned are based on the classifications described in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS 2002).

7 Income (2006) – Individual Income (2006) – Gross income for individuals filing income tax in Alberta in 2006. **Couple Income (2006)** – Gross income for people that defined themselves as married or common law when filing the income tax in Alberta in 2006.

8 Per Capita Building Permit Value (\$) – Total value of building permits for a region divided by its population.

9 Establishments with Employees – Business establishments are presented by the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) industry codes. Commercial industries are included as are several in the public sector (schools, universities, hospitals, government offices, churches, service clubs, etc.)

10 Small Business Establishments – Business establishment with less than 49 employees and at least one employee. This does not include individuals that are self-employed.

11 Major Projects – As of December 2008, a list of major development projects in Alberta that are valued at \$5 million or more that are planned, currently under construction or recently completed. Project data is obtained from public information sources. Updated information is added monthly, print edition is updated quarterly.

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